

MINUTES

City Council

Monday, February 7, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotional & Pledge: Councilmember Bethune offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Holder presided. Council Members: Don Bethune, Gwyn Hall, Bowen Jones, Bessie Kicklighter, Durward Motes and Judy Shuman. **Absent:** Jimmy Spilliards

Staff: Brian Johnson, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Scott Allison, Planning Director; Cory Salley, Finance Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director.

Absent: Randall Griffin, Public Works Director

Receive Board & Commission Reports:

Planning Director presented the Planning Commission/BOA minutes dated 1/11/11.

Councilmember Jones presented the Beautification Committee Report.

Receive Public Comment:

Reverend Carl Gilliard gave a presentation on the vision and purpose of Savannah Feed the Hungry.

Reverend Gilliard presented Outstanding Partner Certificates to Chief Lyons, Officer Barbara O'Neal, and Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director for their work and partnership with Savannah Feed the Hungry to serve over 3,000 meals.

City Council thanked Reverend Gilliard, staff, and Savannah Feed the Hungry volunteers for their work and dedication.

Mayor Holder recognized Dr. Priscilla Thomas, Chatham County Commissioner.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 1/18/11.

Mayor Holder said at our Town Meeting last Monday night, I mentioned that we would consider opening up the meeting to allow comment from the public. He said we will need to talk about this in a workshop, because it may require us to change our agenda outline.

Receive Staff Reports:

Planning Director presented the Planning & Economic Development Department's status report for the month of January 2011.

Human Resources Director presented the HR Department's status report for the month of January 2011.

IT Director presented the IT Department's status report for the month of January 2011.

Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's status report for the month of January 2011.

City Manager presented the Public Works Department's status report for the month of January 2011.
(Public Works Director absent)

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, Georgia Department of Revenue Proper Payment of Sales Tax: Mayor Holder presented a resolution to partner with the Georgia Department of Revenue in an effort to ensure that businesses are properly in compliance with state and local sales tax laws.

City Manager said will allow local governments and the Georgia Department of Revenue to share data bases.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

First Reading, Amendment to Combined Utility System Ordinance: Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 82, Article I, of the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, so as to include fire protection service within the City's combined public utility system; to authorize the termination of certain municipal utilities services in the event that amounts owed for water, sewer, stormwater management, fire protection service, solid waste disposal service, and garbage pick-up service are not timely paid; to authorize back billing for properties which have not been billed for utility services despite receiving same; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

City Manager said we have a combined utility system and the purpose of the ordinance is to add in the fire protection service fee.

Councilmember Shuman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hall to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance. City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council and hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading, Amendment to Combined Utility System Ordinance: Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 82, Article I, of the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, so as to include fire protection service within the City's combined public utility system; to authorize the termination of certain municipal utilities services in the event that amounts owed for water, sewer, stormwater management, fire protection service, solid waste disposal service, and garbage pick-up service are not timely paid; to authorize back billing for properties which have not

been billed for utility services despite receiving same; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Bethune said we will still respond to a fire if you are behind on payment of your fee.

City Attorney said that is addressed in the ordinance.

Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

Mayor Holder said that I am glad to see so many here tonight. City Council thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Shuman, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council

Adopted: February 21, 2011